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CIVIL GRAND JURY – WORKERS' COMPENSATION REPORT

On June 27, 2003, the Civil Grand Jury Report on Workers' Compensation was released. We are substantially in agreement with the report and its recommended actions. Some of the recommendations are being implemented already, as we have previously advised. However, to provide a comprehensive summary of our efforts in this regard, a Workers' Compensation Update will be prepared for your review by August 1, 2003. This update will include specific responses to the Grand Jury's recommendations.

I was particularly interested in the Metropolitan Transit Authority's approach to workers compensation and job-related injuries as reported in the Los Angeles Times on Sunday, June 29, 2003. I have directed our Departmental Risk Manager to contact the Metropolitan Transit Authority for more details and better insight that may be used in our efforts in improving workers' compensation administration within the Fire Department. If you or your staff have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at (323) 881-2401.

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